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FOR: INFORMATION PROVIDING :  
METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND  
INFORMATION RECEPTION  
APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3, and 17 to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

1. (Amended) An information providing method comprising:  
adding program feature data to multimedia information in units of partial information  
of the multimedia information to form a program database;

<sup>1</sup>A marked-up copy of the amendments is attached hereto.